

REMARKS

This paper is responsive of an Office Action mailed on March 10, 2005. Prior to this response, claims 1-13 and 27-28 were pending. After amending claims 1, 8, 10, and 27, canceling claims 4 and 28, and adding claim 29, claims 1-3, 5-13, 27, and 29 remain pending.

Claims 1-13 and 27-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Barnak et al. ("Barnak"; US Pub 2003/0146479). The Office Action states that Barnak [0034] describes all the limitations of claims 1, 27, and 28.

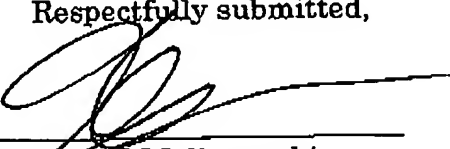
Claims 1 and 27 has been amended to recite second metal materials that are not disclosed by Barnak. Since Barnak does not explicitly describe every limitation of claims 1 and 27, he cannot anticipate these claims. Claims 2-3 and 5-13, dependent from claim 1 enjoy the same distinctions from the cited prior art, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be removed.

New claim 29 has been added. Claim 29 recites a WN barrier metal material, which is not disclosed by Barnak.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance
and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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